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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to driver education course requirements for
2 students with physical or mental disabilities.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.178, subsection 1, Code 2017, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* For students with a physical or mental
4 disability, laboratory instruction consisting of street
5 or highway driving shall be limited to a maximum of thirty
6 minutes per student per session and a maximum of sixty minutes
7 per student per week, unless additional time is necessary
8 to make up instruction time missed due to a course absence
9 or cancellation. If at least one student participating in
10 laboratory instruction consisting of street or highway driving
11 has a physical or mental disability, no more than two students
12 shall be scheduled for the laboratory instruction to ensure
13 that appropriate observation time is experienced and to limit
14 driver distraction from passengers.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill requires, for students with a physical or mental
19 disability, the component of driver education courses involving
20 laboratory instruction consisting of street or highway driving
21 to be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes per student per
22 session and a maximum of 60 minutes per student per week,
23 unless additional time is necessary to make up instruction
24 time missed due to a course absence or cancellation. The bill
25 also provides that if at least one student participating in
26 laboratory instruction consisting of street or highway driving
27 has a physical or mental disability, no more than two students
28 shall be scheduled for the laboratory instruction to ensure
29 that appropriate observation time is experienced and to limit
30 driver distraction from passengers.